UNITED
NATIONS

E

Economic and Social Council

Distr.
GENERAL

E/1991/99
14 June 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Second regular session of 1991
Geneva, 3-26 July 1991
Item 8 (1) of the provisional agenda*

DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In resolution 1989/106 on effective mobilization and integration of women in development, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to maintain the section on the socio-economic attainment of women in the World Economic Survey and to incorporate, inter alia, statistical indicators on income distribution, health, nutrition, fertility and education. It also provided guidance on the focus for the next issue of the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development. Finally, it recommended that the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat play a central role in the intensified coordination of statistical data within the United Nations system on women in development and that United Nations sectoral studies be planned and published in a mutually supportive manner. The Council did not call for a specific report; however, the present note indicates the steps taken to implement the resolution.

2. The World Economic Survey continues to have a section on the socio-economic attainment of women. The World Economic Survey, 1991 (E/1991/75) will be before the Council.

3. The guidance provided by the Council, as well as by the General Assembly, on the preparations for the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development was taken into account in a draft outline discussed and generally agreed to at

---

* E/1991/100.

the Fifteenth Ad Hoc Inter-agency Meeting on Women, held at Vienna from 11 to 12 March 1991. After further work, an updated progress report on the Survey will be presented to the Economic and Social Council at its regular session of 1993, through the Commission on the Status of Women.

4. As a result of extensive inter-agency cooperation in the area of statistics on women in development, a major United Nations publication entitled The World's Women 1970-1990 - Trends and Statistics (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.90.XVII.3) is to be issued in June 1991. The publication contains statistics and indicators, many not previously published by the United Nations, on all aspects of women's lives. Chapter VI, entitled "Women's work and the economy", is particularly relevant to the question of effective mobilization of women in development.